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IN THE DRAWING(S):

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 1. This sheet replaces the original sheet showing Figures 1 and 2 .

Attachment: Replacement Sheet.

REMARKS

By this Amendment Figure 1 is corrected to accurately illustrate the subject matter referred to in the specification by correcting Figure 1 to refer to T\_CSCF instead of S\_CSCF. Additionally, the Abstract is corrected to be in proper U.S. format.

Claims 1-18 and 21-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Syrjala et al. (WO 01/91445; hereafter "Syrjala") and claims 9-20, 27-28 and 37-43 were rejected under either 102(e) or 103(a) based on Syrjala. Applicant traverses the rejection because Syrjala is not prior art to present application.

Specifically, the U.S. filing date of the present application is April 17, 2001. Under 102(e), a person shall be entitled to a patent unless "(e) the invention was described in — (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for the purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

The publication date of Syrjala is November 29, 2001, after the U.S. filing date of the present application. Moreover, the U.S. filing date of Syrjala is May 23, 2001, after the U.S. filing date of the present application. Because Syrjala was both filed and published after the US filing date of the present application, Syrjala is not usable as prior art for this application under either 35 U.S.C.102 or 103. Accordingly the prior art rejections are traversed and the rejected claims are allowable.

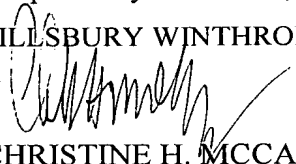
All objections and rejections having been addressed, Applicant requests issuance of a Notice of Allowance indicating the allowability of the pending claims. However, if anything further is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicant requests that the Examiner telephone the Applicant's undersigned representative.

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